Student funds cut by $435 million

NSL Looks to Override

by GLENN SHERMAN and LLOYD HARRIS

President Nixon has vetoed a bill to continue funding for student financial aid for next year. Unless Congress overrides the veto, student financial aid in grants and in state scholarship programs will be slashed by approximately $435 million for the school year beginning next fall. The National Student Lobby has announced support to the veto overrule.

The cutback in aid will make it difficult for thousands of students to return to college. The slashed aid will also put the colleges in a financial deficit which, in turn will be passed on to students by way of higher tuition and fees next fall.

Both the House and Senate have passed Labor, Health, Education and Welfare Approriations providing $1.2 and $1.8 billion more than President Nixon wants to spend. The bill includes funding for the National Direct Student Loan Program ($293 million in 3 percent interest plans made by colleges) and Supplementary Education Opportunity Grants ($210 million) – three programs the Administration is attempting to terminate.

This bill affects all students, hitting everyone in the pocketbook. It comes down to one basic question: is it right for a student to be kept out of college for financial reasons? Too many of us are just barely making the costs now, and if aid is cut, it may mean the end of our education.

The National Student Lobby is joining forces with the Washington based Coalition of Education Association Committee for Full Funding of Education programs, and the Coalition on Human Needs in the veto override effort to obtain funds for many domestic programs. A similar veto override effort was successful in 1971, however a veto override in education failed last year. This time, the coalition opposing the veto is much broader. Success is possible.

A personal letter from individuals and student groups that describes the particular crisis in student financial aid in a student's family or at your institution is the most effective lobbying possible. Specific data from your student financial aid office should be included in your letter. In New Jersey the key Congressmen to write to are Sandman from Atlantic City and Forsythe from Collingswood. Both men are Republicans.

ombudsman?

Senate launches complaint committee

by JOHN MADORE

At the last Senate meeting Jim Hartman brought up the idea of a University ombudsman. Hartman expressed the need for a central "complaint department" which would hear student concerns and complaints and attempt to advise and direct the student to the proper mode of action. This complaint department would be comprised of a handful of reliable and informed students. A more specific and detailed proposal will be submitted at the next Senate meeting.

Other business of the Senate meeting was as follows: John Howell urged more students to take advantage of the study hours in the UC. He also mentioned that more students should have signed up for the January plan. Mr. Howell believes that this plan is an excellent educational opportunity and that more should have taken advantage of it.

Bob Solomon made a plea for more students to help in the Admissions Office since prospective students are now coming to Drew to look around. If you would like to help, please get in contact with Mr. Austin Cole or Bob Solomon.

Howell added that the IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT table was a success and that the S.A. has received enough donations to pay for the stamped envelopes. President Oxnam said that if we did not come up with enough money then he would come up with an anonymous donor. This anonymous donor was not needed because the American Civil Liberties Union, in Newark, had money to offer.

"ABOUT 76% OF THE COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE U.S. hold either consistently anti-free-market beliefs or philisophically contradictory beliefs about government and freedom." Similar beliefs are held by faculty members.

This is a major conclusions reached by World Research, Inc. (WRI) as a result of their nationwide survey on student and faculty opinions of free market philosophy.

Based on responses to survey statements on subjects such as free enterprise, government roles, individual freedoms, etc., the following ratings were determined indicating each segment's consistency of pro-free market beliefs:

General Public	60%
Economics Dept. Chairmen	31%
Math. Dept. Chairmen	25%
Campus Newspaper Editors	21%
Student Random Sample	19%
Student Body Presidents	19%
Political Science Chairmen	18%
Sociology Chairmen	16%

The opinion poll also concluded that there are philosophical contradictions and confusions among students and faculty. For example, the study reports that 80% believe that the government has no right to interfere with a person's actions (moral or immoral) so long as those actions don't endanger others; yet 52% believe that it is the proper function of the government to legislate that which is for the individual's own good.

These figures led a student spokesman of the Campus Studies Institute Division of WRI to comment, "Apparently there is a strong belief among students and professors that the government should not interfere in their own personal lives, but they do not object to government interference in other people's lives."

WERD pulls itself out of troubled times

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For over a decade now, Drew University's radio station WERD, has been in existence. Supported and funded by the ECAC, with allotments granted to the Communication Board, WERD is run and maintained, almost entirely, by student operators. The advertising fees of several local merchants furnish revenue and cover a great deal of the operating expenses of the station.

As well as having advertising from outside the walls of the Drew campus, WERD is attempting to work with the surrounding areas in other ways. WERD planned interviews with the four candidates running in the Madison Borough in the elections this week. The station had also made an attempt with Fairleigh Dickinson to try program-sharing, but this attempt at bringing together the resources of the two schools fell through.

WERD, in the past, has had to face many ordeals. Last year there was a conflict between the major coordinators of the station, Dion Petaros and Rick Atkinson. Atkinson arbitrarily did away with the programming, because he was tired of the struggles he'd had with it and Petaros, alienated by the constant hassles of the station, resigned on January 28, 1972. To contribute to this confusion, WERD was plagued by technical problems. It was quite a struggle to produce shows with faulty equipment. All these difficulties led to disorganization and bad feelings among the staff members.

Despite these problems in the past, supporters of WERD were determined not to collapse under the pressure, and their efforts have obtained surprisingly successful results. This year WERD has reached a larger audience with a hard--working and better organized staff. They have successfully implemented many new programs. For the first time ever WERD includes a news program, which has been very well received by its audience. WERD also created Jock-World, a bi-weekly program which keeps WERD's listeners tp-to-date as to what's going on in the field of sports.

On Sunday evenings, from 9 to 10, there is a report on United Nations activities, which has been another effort to interact with the "outside world" rather than staying within the physical limits of the Drew "community."

WERD has not limited its expansion merely to news fields, however. The station began simulcasting with WNEW, an FM-Stereo broadcaster with a more diversified selection of music than WCBS, with which WERD did this in previous years. Record companies have sent WERD a wider range of sounds this semester, as well.

Shortly, Yours Drewly an editorial program involving faculty and students will enter an experimental stage. The WERD staff also is considering a playback of President Oxnam's orientation speech for all interested students.

For the first time in several semesters, WERD is making considerable progress with the fees that we are paying to support it. WERD has begun to bring us a wider variety of music and a greater access to the world outside of Drew through several innovative attempts in broadcasting. The station welcomes editorial contributions and suggestions in order to improve their present standards.

Beating the phone rap

THE IDEA OF LOW-COST LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE for students through a student government WATS line hasn't been abandoned. The principal student leader behind the idea, Chris Reece, Executive Vice President of the Associated Students of the U. of Arizona (ASUA), is filing a revised complaint to the Federal Communication Commission's ruling that ASUA is not eligible for the flat-fee telephone service. Under Reece's plan, the student government would obtain eight WATS lines and open them up to the entire student body at the rate of 25 cents for a five-minute call anywhere in the country.

Reece figures that he has at least three chances to see his idea realized: 1) He may win his revised complaint. Reece disagrees with the FCC's interpretation of the tariff rule which was cited in disallowing ASUA's request: "No phone call may be made on a WATS line that is not within the direct interest of the purchaser."

2) The tariff might be revised. In turning down ASUA's application, the FCC noted that the tariff itself was unreasonable and sent it to a trial board for review and possible revision.

3) An entirely new telephone company rate might be established. Aa a result of the publicity given to Reece's original plan, an AT&T representative from New York met with Reece to discuss the possibility of experimenting with some sort of "group rate" for large organizations such as student governments.

enrollments down?

A COLLEGE ENROLLMENT SPECIALIST, Garland Parker of the U. of Cincinnati, estimates that the total U.S. college enrollment is up to about 2.5% over last year to 9.5 million.

The search for warm bodies continues

HAMLINE U. (St. Paul, Minn.) IS GIVING OUT $100,000 of their endowment fund to alums who are expected to invest the money in any venture they choose and then return the profits and principal to the university at a later date. About 100 alumni have requested funds – in parcels of $100 to $1,000 – to invest in such schemes as earthworm farms, coin collections and unusual inventions.

The president of the university says that the idea is to get alumni involved in the financial affairs of the institution. The alums' expertise in parlaying their bankrolls remains to be seen. But one thing is certain – the idea will get more publicity for the small school than would an investment in plain old blue chip stocks.